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Honorable Lester Wolff, Chairman
Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse
and Control
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to accept your request that the Agency testify on Monday, 20 March 1978, in executive session on matters that members of your staff have discussed with members of my staff. On Monday, I propose to outline for your Committee our role in the government-wide effort against illicit narcotics trafficking in the interest of contributing to your Committee's understanding of our efforts in this area.

As you know, our role centers upon our responsibilities for foreign intelligence and is circumscribed by statute, Executive Order, and guidelines issued by the Attorney General. Generally, U.S. persons, corporations, and activities conducted within the U.S. are outside of our purview, except when information is developed as a byproduct of certain of our foreign intelligence activities and can be provided to appropriate Federal agencies.

In the interest of being responsive to the needs of your Committee on Monday, I will be accompanied by [redacted] Associate Director-Management, National Foreign Assessment Center, who can describe the type of foreign narcotics intelligence produced by this Agency; a member of our General Counsel's office who can respond to legal questions; and the Special Assistant for Coordination of Foreign Narcotics Information, who will be available to respond to the Committee's interest with respect to material recently provided by your Chief Counsel to this Agency.

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I look forward to meeting with your Committee as part of the commitment of this Agency in assisting the efforts of our Government in dealing with the serious problem of illicit narcotics.

Sincerely,

/s/ Frank C. Carlucci

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